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SUBJECT: "JEUNE AFRIQUE" REQUESTS INTERVIEW WITH AF
OFFICIAL

USIA FOR IAA, IOP/NY, AND IOP/W

SUMMARY: "JEUNE AFRIQUE" REQUESTS INTERVIEW
WITH AFRICA BUREAU OFFICIAL IN DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 12,
FOR CORRESPONDENT COVERING SPECIAL UN SESSION.
EMBASSY AND USIS/ARS SUPPORT REQUEST. CORRESPONDENT
HAS BEEN ADVISED TO CONTACT FOREIGN PRESS CENTER/NEW
YORK TO LEARN WHETHER INTERVIEW GRANTED, AND
ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERVIEW WOULD COVER US POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA,
ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND MATTERS DISCUSSED AT SPECIAL
UN SESSION.

3. "JEUNE AFRIQUE" HOPES INTERVIEW CAN BE WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY EASUM, BUT WISHES TALK WITH ANOTHER AF
OFFICIAL IF EASUM NOT AVAILABLE. EMBASSY AND ARS
SUGGEST INTERVIEW BE ON BACKGROUND, AND IF AT LOWER
LEVEL IN AF AN ECONOMIC SPECIALIST MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.
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WHILE CORRESPONDENT'S INTERVIEW WITH SHAH OF IRAN IN

CURRENT ISSUE JA PRESENTS SHAH IN FAVORABLE LIGHT, QUESTIONS WERE VERY POINTED, HENCE OUR RECOMMENDATION FOR BACKGROUND BRIEFING.

4. EMBASSY AND ARS STRONGLY SUPPORT INTERVIEW REQUEST. "JEUNE AFRIQUE" GENERALLY HAS TREATED US POLICY AND OFFICIALS VERY FAIRLY FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS AND CONVERSATIONS. SINCE CORRESPONDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEW MONTHLY ECONOMIC SUPPLEMENT IN "JEUNE AFRIQUE," ECONOMIC SIDE OF INTERVIEW WOULD PRESENT CHANCE TO INFLUENCE JA ECONOMIC WITING FOR MONTHS TO COME. JA IS HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL IN MAGHREB AND SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.

5. IOP/NY IS REQUESTED TO BRIEF AND ASSIST CORRESPONDENT, WHETHER OR NOT INTERVIEW IS GRANTED.

6. CORRESPONDENT IS: FAMILY NAME - ROULHAC DE ROCHEBRUNE, FIRST NAME - RENAUD. HE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK APRIL 10, AND RETURNS PARIS APRIL 14 OR 15. WHILE HE NOT KNOWN PERSONALLY TO EMBASSY OR ARS, HIS "ECONOMIA" SUPPLEMENT FOR JA IS VERY HIGH QUALITY AND HE APPEARS TO BE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT YOUNG FRENCHMAN. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE STATES THAT UNTIL ONE YEAR AGO HE WAS PETROLEUM CORRESPONDENT FOR "LE MONDE" AND THAT HE HAS INTERVIEWED TOP BUSINESSMEN, INCLUDING LEE IACOCCA AND CHAIRMAN OF COCA-COLA.

7. PLEASE ADVISE PARIS OF DECISION.
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